

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
May 15, 2017

Selectmen Present: Cheryl Gordon
George Glines
Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM

Administration

The Board signed: A/P Manifest
P/R Manifest
Kane Conservation Contract
Tax Warrant

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the public minutes of the May 1, 2017 Selectmen's meeting. George made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Cheryl seconded the motion.

The Board reviewed the non-public minutes of the May 1, 2017 Selectmen's meeting. George made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Cheryl seconded the motion.

Appointments

Mark & Sharon Akerstrom attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of purchasing a lot from the Town. This property is 1.6 acres and doesn't meet the current zoning. They would like to purchase the property and do a lot line adjustment with the property they now own. This could bring the 1.6 acre lot to bring the area into compliance, but will still leave the lot short of the required frontage. Ken suggested that the Akerstroms do some deed research to find when this lot came into existence. Mark will contact Web Stout for his assistance. The Town will research when the current required frontage became effective. Mark will get back to Ken when they have some information.

The Board thanked Mark and Sharon for attending the meeting.

Police Chief Labrecque and Road Agent Jim Sawicki attended the meeting.

Chief Labrecque distributed the department statistics and updated the Board on an on-going case. Ken mentioned that the Dispatch fees have increased due to the increased activity.

Jim Sawicki reported that he has tried to contact the new property owner on Hancock Road to discuss a plugged culvert. Jim will be sending a letter to them.

Jim reported that at the Transfer Station, the paper bin pick-up is on a schedule and the remaining recyclables are on an on-call basis.

Jim reported that the grading and sweeping will continue.

Jim has received an estimate of \$113,000 from Pike to pave Hethlon and Old Tilton Road from the Town Hall to Cochrane's driveway. He will forward other estimates when they are received.

Jim discussed the need to find someone for the summer to take over the mowing. Ben Bynum has offered to help out 1 to 2 days a week. A general discussion was held on the number of days required to keep up with the mowing. Jim said that usually 3 days a week works, depending on the weather. Jim will contact Ben.

Jim reported that he is having troubles with one of the vendors repeatedly sending the wrong parts.

Ben Bynum attended the meeting. Ben reported that the Board has the warrant to sign and will be sending out tax bills within the next 10 days.

The Board thanked Ben.

Paul Gagnon of the Society for the Protection of NH Forests attended the meeting to discuss the conservation easement area by Sand Hill Road and the River.

Paul explained that he has re-affirmed that Sand Hill Road is a Class VI Road. The Society is concerned about people driving down Sand Hill Road and going beyond the beach area into the sensitive conservation areas. A discussion ensued about putting up barriers that would still allow vehicles to drive to the beach area but would restrict going into the sensitive area. A brief discussion was held on the area that was left out of the conservation area for future recreational fields. Paul felt that the easiest solution would be to restrict any vehicular access. Ken reported that the Police and Fire would like to have access to that area in case of emergencies. Ken explained that a lot of people use that area and is the only beach that has vehicle access.

The Selectmen agreed that the Town is willing to put some money into the project with the Society to restrict access to the sensitive area but still allow access to the beach area. Paul said that at proposal would be acceptable. Ken will discuss this with the Conservation Commission and look into pricing. Ken, Jim and Paul will set up a time to walk the site.

The Board thanked Paul, Jim and Mike for attending.

Library Director Sue LeClair attended the meeting.

Sue reported that they are having another ant problem in the Historical Society Area. Jan will research who took care of the pest control a few years ago.

Sue reported that she is not pleased with the cleaning that is being done at the Library. The Trustees want to know if in 2018 they could hire their own service. The Board explained that they could renegotiate the contract for next year.

New Business

Ken reported that he has been contacted by Mark Stevens. Mark is in the process of designing a septic system for the Church. The Church doesn't have enough land to install the system. They will be researching alternate plans.

The Farmers Market has requested permission to park a cargo trailer behind the library so they wouldn't have to bring it in each week for the Market. The Board agreed to allow the trailer to be left there during the Farmers Market season.

Ken discussed having the Highway Department and Transfer Station employees take 3 days to clear out the transfer station.

The Trustees of the Trust Funds are working on some name changes for the Trust Funds. This would alleviate any confusion between "fire equipment 1" and "fire equipment 2" and to rename others for clearer reporting.

Cheryl made a motion to go into non-public session at 6:46 PM under RSA 91: A II(c) to discuss a personnel matter. George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Cheryl made a motion to exit the non-public session at 6:59 and to permanently seal the minutes due to the personnel matters discussed.

Ken updated the Selectmen on the Sam Lake House project. The project has received only 1 proposal. This proposal was discussed and. Ken will contact the Sam Lake House committee to further discuss the project going forward.

Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. George seconded he motion.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on June 5, 2017, at 5:00 at the Meeting House.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant